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Assistant United States Attorney Receives Director's Award

SAVANNAH: Lisa Godbey Wood , United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced that the Department of Justice recently held its 21st annual Executive Office for United States Attorneys Director's Awards Ceremony in which the award recipients received recognition for their superior performance. Attorney General John Ashcroft commended all of the recipients for their accomplishments. Recipients included Assistant United States Attorneys, litigation and information technology support personnel, as well as others who have made outstanding contributions in federal, state, and local law enforcement.

Wood stated that Assistant United States Attorney Darrin McCullough received a Director's Award for his superior performance in devising and implementing "Project Speed Limit," a Southern District of Georgia project begun in June 2002 to address the proliferation of methamphetamine labs and the distribution problem in the rural areas of the district. According to Wood, the project has been very successful in that 130 individuals in 60 separate cases have entered guilty pleas with sentences averaging 8-10 years. She also pointed out that Project Speed Limit has an educational component where state and local law enforcement and large retailers have attended seminars on the suspicious purchases of equipment usable for meth labs and large quantity purchases of precursor chemicals.

According to Wood, over the years several Assistant U.S. Attorneys from both Augusta and Savannah have been recipients of a Director's Award for superior performance with some of these attorneys being multiple Director's Award recipients.

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